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SUBJ: US-USSR AGREEMENT ON AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION: POSTPONE-  
MENT OF JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING

REF: MOSCOW 15481

1. NO OBJECTION IN WASHINGTON TO POSTPONING JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING  
UNTIL DECEMBER. HOWEVER, WE WOULD HAVE LITTLE OR NO FLEXIBILITY  
ON DATES BECAUSE CHAIRMAN OF U.S. SIDE OF COMMITTEE HAS  
COMMITMENTS AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 5, DECEMBER 6, AND DECEMBER  
11-21. NATIONAL OUTLOOK CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER  
9-10 AND WILL REQUIRE PARTICIPATION BY SEVERAL MEMBERS OF U. S.  
JOINT COMMITTEE. IF SOVIET SIDE COULD ARRIVE IN TIME FOR MEETING  
DECEMBER 3-5, PROGRAM COULD THEN BE WORKED OUT TO HAVE SIGNING  
ON DECEMBER 9 OR 10 AND SOVIET DELEGATION COULD ATTEND OUTLOOK  
CONFERENCE. REQUEST AGATT OBTAIN CONCURRENCE RICHARD BELL  
BEFORE INFORMING SOVIETS.

2. ADVISE BY IMMEDIATE CABLE WHETHER SOVIET SIDE WISHES MEETING  
OCTOBER 29-NOVEMBER 1 OR DECEMBER 3-5 OR WHETHER FURTHER POST-  
PONEMENT DESIRED. U. S. SIDE HAS BEGUN ARRANGEMENT FOR PRE-  
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MEETING TRAVEL BEGINNING OCTOBER 20 AND MUST ADVISE PEOPLE IN

FIELD NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 16 WHETHER OR NOT SOVIETS COMING  
OCTOBER 20. IF SOVIET SIDE UNABLE REpond IMMEDIATELY WITH  
DECISION ON WITHER OCTOBER 20 ARRIVAL OR DECEMBER 3-5 MEETING,  
ADVISE BY IMMEDIATE CABLE. U.S. SIDE WILL CANCEL ARRANGEMENTS  
FOR PROGRAM BEGINNING OCTOBER 20, WILL HOLD DECEMBER 3-5 DATES  
OPEN AND AWAIT SOVIET DECISION ON WHETHER TO COME FOR DECEMBER 3-5  
MEETING OR FURTHER POSTPONEMENT UNTIL JANUARY.

3. ASSUME SOVIET SIDE WOULD ALSO WANT TO POSTPONE EXECUTIVE  
SESSION OF RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY WORKING GROUP. THIS WOULD BE  
DESIRABLE FOR U.S. SIDE. INGERSOLL

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